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SUBJ: ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD

1. VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH'S DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND TURK EMBOFF AUG 23 RAISED QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S
ACCREDITATION TO GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. BOTH NOTED THAT, IN THEIR
VIEW, CLERIDES GOVT ILLEGAL AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
BY US AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PRECEDENT. (GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS
PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO CLERIDES AUG 22.)

2. TURK EMBOFF SAID GOT WOULD PREFER CRAWFORD FUNCTION AS
CHARGE, WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR, AS DOES INHAN.
ALTERNATIVELY, TURK EMBOFF SUGGESTED CRAWFORD PRESENT CREDENTIALS
TO DENKTASH AS ONLY REMAINING LEGAL OFFICIAL OF CYPRUS GOVT.

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3. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO GOVT OF CYPRUS AND WOULD PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO CLERIDES. SAID HE UNCERTAIN WHETHER DOCUMENT WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO CLERIDES AS PRESIDENT OR ACTING PRESIDENT; THIS QUESTION WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN WASHINGTON. NOTED THAT THERE NO REPEAT NO PRECEDENT FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO VICE PRESIDENT, EVEN IN "FEDERATED STATE". EMBOFF SAID HE ASSUMED AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WOULD FOLLOW NORMAL PRACTICE AND CALL ON DENKTASH FOLLOWING PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

4. COMMENT: IF ONLY FROM STANDPOINT PERSONAL SAFETY, UNTHINKABLE THAT CRAWFORD COULD FUNCTION HERE WITHOUT PRESENTING CREDENTIALS IN NORMAL MANNER. ADDITIONALLY, CLERIDES NEEDS ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET IN HOLDING GREEK CYPRIOTS TOGETHER AT THIS TIME. BELIEVE DOCUMENT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HIM AS PRESIDENT SINCE ALTERNATIVE WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE USG PREFERENCE FOR MAKARIOS' RETURN. DENKTASH'S POSSIBLE PIQUE RAISES NO REPEAT NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR OUR OPERATIONS HERE. SHOULD TURKISH GOVT RAISE ISSUE, SUGGEST WE RESPOND IT IN THEIR INTEREST, AS WELL AS OUR, TO STRENGTHEN CLERIDES. BROWN

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